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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BI ET AL.

Examiner

PHUC H TRAN

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to the applicant's response filed 12/5/03. Claims 1-4 and 9-24 are pending in the application. Detailed action is followed:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4, 9-11, 14, 15, 17-19, 21, 22, & 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Appel (U.S. Patent No. 6223056 B1) in view of Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6614771 B1).

- With respect to claims 1 & 3, 9-11, 14-15, 18-19, 21-22, Appel teaches a method for using a common channel shared by mobile stations to transmit power control signals to the mobile stations, which is interpreted as the method for communicating power control information for communication channels, which comprises steps of:

transmitting power control information for a forward voice/data channel to be transmitted from a base station to a mobile station (col. 6, lines 32-37), wherein the first and second segments are one of a plurality of repeating segments (e.g. the time slot in the communications shows that the repeating segments in the communication network).

Appel fails to teach power control information in a portion of a first and second segments of a reverse pilot channel transmitted from the mobile station to the base station. Kim teaches the

plurality of terminals have a random access to the reverse common channel system in CDMA (see abstract). Therefore, it would have been obvious to person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the method of inputting a power control information into the reverse common channel system of Kim into Appel to transmit the power control information to the base station to adjust the power on the forward channels for better quality service in the wireless network.

- With respect to claim 2, Appel also teaches the step of alternating between the transmission of power control information for the first channel and the transmission of power control information for the second channel (e.g. the communications between base station and mobile stations with many channels).

- With respect to claims 4, 17, and 24, Appel fails to explicitly teach power control information for the first channel is transmitted more than once for each transmission of power control information for the second channel. It inherently knows that the times transmit the power control information for communication channels such as the design choice to communicate between the subscribers and base station are based on the priority of the subscribers and information.

4. Claims 12-13, 16, 20, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Appel (U.S. Patent No. 6223056 B1) in view of Ghosh (U.S. Patent No. 5991285).

- With respect to claims 12-13, 16, 20, & 23, Appel discloses all the aspects of the claimed invention as set forth above but fails to teach the channels are voice, data, and video channels. Ghosh teaches a system having plurality channels for voice, data and video transmission, each channel being designated with different power transmission levels (see bridge

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paragraph in col. 2-3). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the controlling power for each channel types in wireless communication system to provide each channel with an appropriate amount of power needed for transmission, thereby saving power and reducing signal interference.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, & 9-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO- 892.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H TRAN whose telephone number is (703) 308-7471. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAO SEEMA can be reached on (703) 308-5463. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9314.

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